



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

Christopher R. Conklin
Director

June 22, 2023

Joann Leleck Elementary School, Oakview Community Approved Sidewalk Proposal

Dear Residents:

After a complete review of the Record and Public Hearing Officer's Recommendations for the Joann Leleck Elementary School, Oakview Community's Sidewalk Proposal, Christopher Conklin, Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), has approved and authorized the installation of the following proposed sidewalks:

- North side of **Stateside Drive** from **Avenel Road to Stateside Court**.
- South side of **Stateside Drive** from **Avenel Road to Stateside Court**.

The proposed sidewalk was developed by updating the original sidewalk alignment presented at the March 8 public hearing. This revision allowed MCDOT to reduce the total number of trees impacted by the construction from twenty-two (22) trees to three (3) trees. The proposed sidewalk is a maximum 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk with 3-foot greenspace. To minimize impact to the existing trees, the width of the sidewalk adjacent to trees will be reduced to four feet and, during construction, will necessitate less invasive construction means and methods. The sidewalk installation will fill in the missing sidewalk gap along Stateside Drive and provide an accessible and dedicated pedestrian space within the public rights of way. Where curb extensions that result in reduced pavement width will be installed to avoid tree root zones, parking restrictions will be implemented. Both the original and revised sidewalk alignments are illustrated in the attachment.

Enclosed, please find the Hearing Officer's Recommendations approved by Director Christopher Conklin on June 7, 2023. Weather permitting, construction is anticipated to begin in the late summer of 2023. Once a specific construction start date has been determined, a detailed construction notice will be sent to the impacted homeowners. In addition, prior to construction, MCDOT will delineate the areas planned for excavation in white paint and no parking signs will be erected along the limits of sidewalk installation. An inspector will be on-site and available throughout the entire construction process to address any concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at sidewalkSRTS-LeleckES@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance throughout our process. I am confident the new sidewalks will provide safer access for the entire Oakview community.

Sincerely,

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